बुक्स" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि राज्यों के शिक्षा बोर्डों ने पुस्तकों का मुद्रण तथा वितरण कार्य निजी प्रकाशकों को सौंप दिया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान तथा प्रशिक्षण परिषद् देश में विभिन्न पाठ्य-पुस्तकों विशेषत: क्षेत्रीय भाषा की पुस्तकों की मांग पूरी करने में विफल रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद् द्वारा प्रकाशित राष्ट्रीय पाठ्यचर्या ढांचे और संशोधित पाठ्य-क्रम तथा पाठ्यपुस्तकों के आधार पर राज्यों ने भी नई स्कूली पाठ्यपुस्तकों को अपनी स्कूली पद्धति में चरणबद्ध रूप से लागू करने के लिए उन्हें तैयार करने के उपाय शुरू किए हैं । पाठ्यपुस्तकों के मुद्रण और वितरण का कार्य सम्बद्ध राज्य स्तरीय एजेंसियों द्वारा उनकी अपनी व्यवस्था के अनुसार किया जाता है ।

(घ) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद् से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार उनकी पाठ्यपुस्तकों की कोई कमी नहीं है । राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद् अपनी पाठ्यपुस्तकों का क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में प्रकाशन नहीं करती है, परन्तु राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद् की पाठ्यपुस्तकों के क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं के संस्करण प्रकाशित करने की इच्छुक राज्य स्तरीय एजेंसियों को कॉपीराइट की अनुमति प्रदान करती है ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Recommendations of NCERT of early Childhood Education

*175. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendations made by the NCERT on early childhood education; and

(b) what steps are being taken to popularise the rceommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The NCERT has been conducting annual Seminars/Workshops/Conferences for Principals, Teachers and Parents in metropolitan cities on Early Childhood Education (ECE) since 1989. The Specific recommendations of these Seminars have been :

(i) There should be no admission tests for children at pre-primary stage.

(ii) There should be no formal instruction of reading, writing and arithmetic at this stage.

(iii) The pre-primary school should not admit children of less than 3½ years of age.

(iv) There should be a system of licensing and accreditation for pre-primary schools.

The above recommendations were communicated to all the States/UTs. The State Programme of Action, which are being prepared in pursuance of National Programme of Action (POA-92) will have to provide for appropriate measures for implementation of these recommendations. These have also been reviewed in Regional Review meetings of Education Secretaries.

Study Regarding use of Narcotics

*176. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the study regarding narcotics use commissioned in 33 centres in the country by his Ministry is still withheld due to pressure from commercial/vested interest;

(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose to overcome this; and

(c) by when the study would be made public ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Welfare had not withheld any information relating to the studies in 33 cities and drug prone areas to assess the nature and extent of drug abuse, conducted under its auspices. A summary of these studies was published by the National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of welfare, in a booklet and released to the public in June, 1992.

Basic Concept of N.C.R. Scheme

*177. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the basic concept behind the scheme of National Capital Region;

(b) what have been the Budget allocation for the scheme since its introduction year-wise; and

(c) what advantages have accrued from the expenditure on the scheme in terms of reduction of population of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The National Capital Region Plan aims at :

(i) reducing the pressure of population on Delhi; and

(ii) achieving a balanced and harmonius development of National Capital Region.

(b) The details of year-wise budgetary support to NCR Planning Board received from the Government of India for NCR Development Projects are given in the Statement laid on the table of the Sabha (*See* below) :

(c) The development projects taken up with the financial assistance of the NCR Planning Board have helped create/upgrade the urban infrastructure in various ring towns and priority towns/complexes of National Capital Region, which is a pre-requisite for the decongestion of Delhi and the balanced growth of NCR. However, the precise extent of population deflected from Delhi cannot be estimated at this stage as these projects are yet to achieve there full population impact potential within the overall development framework envisaged in the Regional Plan-2001.